

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a human mitochondrial membrane protein (HuTIM17) and  
5 polynucleotides which identify and encode HuTIM17. The invention also provides expression vectors  
and host cells and a method for producing HuTIM17. The invention also provides for antibodies or  
antagonists specifically binding HuTIM17, and their use in the prevention and treatment of cancer.  
The invention also provides diagnostic assays. The invention also provides for the use of HuTIM17 in  
identifying antifungal and antiprotozoal therapeutics.

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